EIGHT BODIES AT THE KRAUS FARMHOUSE SHOW RESULT OF INSANE FATHER'S DEED. FINE LEATHER GOODS

Wounds Indicted Upon Himself by August Kraus, After He Had Killed His Wife and Six Children, Result in His Death.



AUGUST KRAUS, HIS WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN, LAID OUT FOR BURIAL IN THE ROOMS WHERE AN INSANE MAN TOOK SEVEN LIVES AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

the county.
EVIDENCE OF STRUGGLE

BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE.

It is thought that the deed was not com-mitted without a struggle. A broken finger on the left hand of Mrs. Kraus, a deep cut on the back of the left hand and a blood-bespattered window pane are mute evi-dences of a life-and-death combat that neighbors argue must have taken place between the terror-stricken wife and her frenzied husband. This theory is further borne out by the

known distrust with which Mrs. Kraus had regarded her husband for the last several days. An apparently incurable nervous af-fliction had rendered him despondent, and his wife had told her neighbors that she feared some harm would befull them. She expressed her fears in a letter to B. F. Andrae, Postmaster at Bellefontaine, last week, with a request that the Harugari Lodge, to which he belonged, do something to make her position and that of her chil-

dren more secure. Thursday morning her fears were still further increased, and, at her request, George Mertz, a neighbor, kept a watch on the house, ready to respond in case his services were needed. That they were needed is now known to all, but that she was prevented from calling him at the critical moment, when it is supposed that she attempted to get through at

ture.

Kraus had a quarry hammer in an outhouse in the rear of his home. The house is one story, consisting of three rooms and a garret. It faces the west. Two of the rooms are in the front and in the rear there is a long kitchen, the length of both. It is thought that Kraus armed himself with the hammer and entered the kitchen to begin the slaughter of his family. His wire, divhing his intention, run through the room on the northwest side, and it is supposed, attempted to get through the open window on the porch.

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The extermination of the family was done in a methodical manner. Each of the victims was hit on the left side of the forehead with the hammer, and an examination of the wounds showed that they were in almost identically the same spyl.

It is regarded as certain that he killed his wife first. It is thought that his oldest daughter, Carrie, who is 12 years of age, came next. After her were Emma. 10 years old; Philip, 7; George, 5; Genevieve, 3, and a 4-months -old baby, not yet named, but who had generally been called Frizie.

After crushing their skulls, Kraus, evidently fearing that the job might not be complete, took his razor and cut the throats of all his victims except the two youngest. The same method was displayed in the use of the razor as with the hammer. The wife and four oldest children were each slashed on the left side of the throat. He began just below the left ear and made gashes about two inches ions.

All this time Merts was in a field working with comrades. He noticed, about 10 o'clock, smoke issuing from the chimney and argued therefrom that all was well and that Mrs. Kraus was engaged in the preparation of a meal. About three hours later he remarked to a friend that the smoke had disappeared and wondered if there was any ominous meaning to it. Still thinking, however, that Mrs. Kraus would give the alarm when necessary, and not wishing to unduly exercise her husband, he refrained from making an investigation, but remained in the neighborhood of the house.

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THROUGH WINDOW OF COTTAGE.

It was not until about 5:20 o'clock in the evening that the crime was discovered.

Mrs. Philip Kraus had been visiting the senior Kraus on the Olive Street road and was returning to her home by the Schoettler road. She decided to stop a moment on the route. The front door was locked and she started around to the rear of the house. While passing the window on the north side of the house she peered through and saw a sight that caused her to shudder.

As soon as she recovered she gave the alarm and Meriz hastened to the home of John Kraus, near by, and told him of what had happened.

The latter broke into the room, where the THROUGH WINDOW OF COTTAGE.

to him.

Side by side the frenzied father had laid his dead wife and children on the floor at the foot of the bed. Then he knelt down and drew the keen blade across his own throat. It penetrated deeply. He was still in a kneeling posture when his brother saw him.

him.

Coroner Otto Koch was notified by phone at his home in Des Peres, and went to the place immediately. The condition of the Schoettler road could not be worse. The mud seems to be almost bottomiess. As a result, the Coroner did not get to the place until nearly midnight. He held inquest over the bodies, and found that the husband had died a suicide, and that the wife and children had met death from the hands of a frenzied husband and father.

ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY

ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY Those who know Kraus best say that ill-health, not only of himself, but also of his family, had rendered him despondent. Only a week ago he passed through Clayton with one of his daughters, and told E. L. Dosenbach of that place that he was taking her to a specialist in St. Louis for catarrh treatment. His own health had been wretched for three years.

It is thought that his condition was agravated by a blow that he received in a fight at Crewe Coeur Lake about two years ago. At that time he acted strangely and Mrs. Kraus then began to entertain fears that he would do some act of violence to himself.

A father, mother and six children laid out side by side, their skulls crushed and throats cut and a room bespattered with blood from the floor to the celling, was the sight that met the gaze of those who yesterday visited the scene of the awful tragedy at August Kraus's home on the Schoettler road in St. Louis County.

Kraus killed his wife, six children and himself in the house some time Thursday. The manner in which the deed was perpetrated, combined with the prominence of the persons, shocked the whole countryside. It was the most terrible deed in the annals of the county.

EVIDENCE OF STRUGGLE

Allayed until about one year age. Since then he had visited several St. Louis physicians, but to no avail. About two weeks ago he visited a woman in St. Louis who made a profession of the two wite to Postmaster Andrae and other neighbors, asking for assistance. John Kraus, the dead man's brother, did not remember yesterday the name of the woman that he visited.

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living on the Clayton road near Attheim. Kraus quarreled with his father-in-law several years ago, but recently they became reconciled. Kraus was 38 years old, his

WOMEN'S INFLUENCE IN FAIR ENLARGED

Committee From Board of Lady Managers Will Co-operate

Will Have Advisory Control of **Everything Pertaining to** Woman's Work.

The policy of the official relationship between the Board of Lady Managers and the Exposition Company and National Commission, as outlined at the several confer-As a direct result of these conferences all future meetings of the Board of Lady Managers will be held in St. Louis, en-abling the members not only to come into closer touch with the Exposition work, but to better understand local conditions. The board will be divided into subcommit

The board will be divided into subcommittees to co-operate, in an advisory way, directly with the different departments of the Exposition Company, in the arrangement and preparation of exhibits wherein woman's work will in any way compete.

When the Fair opens the board will have advisory control of everything that pertains to woman's part in the Exposition, whether social or otherwise. These matters will be handled by rotating committees, a certain number of the board members having residences here throughout the Fair.

Ig this way not only the balance of power but a participation of labor will be equally distributed.

Arrangements for the part the board will piay in the dedicatory ceremonies were made yesterday. The board will give a reception to distinguished guests every evening during the dedication week and other functions will be developed as arrangements proceed.

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One of the two committees of the board appointed at the last meeting in New York conferred with the National Commission in regard to specific work and drafted the line of policy which has been already indicated. This committee included: Miss Livinia H. Began of Shreveport. La., chairman; Mrs. Helen Boice-Hunsicker of Philadelphia, Mrs. Finis P. Ernest of Denver and Mrs. W. E. Andrews of Hastings, Neb.

Mrs. James I. Blair, President of the board, found it inconvenient to attend the audience which was granted the committee on Wednesday. In addition to the committee on Wednesday. In addition to the committee, Mrs. Daniel Manning of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Mary Phelps-Montgomery of Portland, Ore., Mrs. John Holcombe of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Jennie Buckwalter of Springfield, O., were present.

Before leaving the city last night Miss Egan, chairman of the committee, stated that the ladies composing the committee felt particularly indebted to the National Commission for its hearty support and encouragement.

Yesterday morning the committee had another conference with the commission, the President, Mrs. Blair, also being present.

Mrs. Blair held an informal reception with the visiting members in the parlors of the Southern Hotel in the afternoon, at which Mr. James I. Blair, General Counsel of the Exposition Company, was present.

ANIMAL IMPORTATION GUARDED. Government Announces Quarantine Regulations for Stock in Tran-

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, March 13.-A special order providing for the importation of animals for exhibition at the St. Louis World's Fair has been made by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture.

The importation of Canadian animals must be accompanied by a certificate of a Canadian official veterinarian, stating that such animals are free from any contagious and infectious diseases and have not been exposed to any for three months preceding the date of shipment.

The railroad agent at the point of origin must certify that the cars carrying them were properly cleaned and disinfected. The Canadian animals cannot be unloaded until they reach the Exposition srounds.

The quarantine period for cattle imported for the Exposition from Great Britain, Ireland and the Channel Islands is fixed at sixty days, counting from the date of shipment. The quarantine period for sheep, other animals and swine shipped from those countries will be fifteen days. All persons contemplating such importations must make application to the Department of Agriculture for a permit. All cattle covered by the provisions of this order may be import exhibition at the St. Louis World's Fair

ed without a tuberculosis test, provided they are shipped direct from the animal quarantine station to the Exposition grounds.

Horses from Great Britain and the Continent of Europe may be imported into the United States for such exhibition, provided they pass a veterinary inspection by the Bureau of Animal Industry at the port of entry.

CONGRESSIONAL AGENTS ARRIVE.

Notable Capital Officials Securing Quarters for Fair Dedication Period. With All Departments.

Colonel Henry Casson, Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, and Colonel D. M. Ransdell, Sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate, arrived in St. Louis yesterday and are stopping at the Southern Hotel. The purpose of their visit is to make arrangements for the committees from the Senate and House which will attend the dedication ceremonies of the World's Fair on April 30.

These gentlemen are among the best known men in the United States. Every visitor to the National Capital sees them.

visitor to the National Capital sees them, and they exchange daily greetings with members of both houses of Congress, when those bodies are in session.

Before departing they will have assurances of accommodations for members of committees, and information as to ex-what part they will take in the dedi-

actly what part they will take in the dedication exercises.

Colonel Ransdell served through the Civil War in General Harrison's command. He is of striking appearance, which is emphasized by the absence of his right arm, which he lost in the service of his country, Colonel Ransdell expressed doubts as to the ability of St. Louis to accommodate all her visitors at the dedication.

"To-night," he said, "I was obliged to wait several hours before being able to secure a room. I am informed that all the other large hotels are just as crowded as this one is. If this is the case in ordinary times, how are your Exposition crowds going to be handled?"

INVITE FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES State Department Sending Urgent Re-

Advices from Washington state the President and his Cabinet are taking a great interest in the approaching dedication of the World's Fair. They desire a full representation of the diplomatic corps at the ceremonies, and the official invitation of the Exposition management is being transmitted to the heads of forty legations through the State Department. With each circular invitation Secretary Hay is sending this letter:

etter:
"The Secretary of State takes pleasure in "The Secretary of State takes pleasure in transmitting the accompanying invitation and expresses the hope that you may find it convenient to accept and honor the occasion with your presence. The event promises to be one of interest and international significance. Will you kindly reply at as early a date as practicable that I may notify the proper officers of the Exposition?"

TO EXHIBIT JAMES'S HOUSE. Company Formed to Bring Bandits'

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., March 13.—Major J. T.
Pearson, il real estate man of South St.
Joseph, to-day, completed the organization
of a company to be known as the Mountain
Grove Syndicate, to remove the house in
which Jessie James was killed to St. Louis,
for exhibition during the World's Fair. The
building will be floated down the river, the
start to be made April 1. The syndicate
has a capital of \$25,000. The principal stockholders are business men in Mountain
Grove, Mo.

Special Days at the Exposition Woman's Christian Temperance Union days at the Exposition will be October 5 and 6. To the jewelers and sliversmiths have been assigned September 1 and 2. The Gruetti Verein of St. Louis asks that two days be set aside as Swiss days. Some of the organizations interested in printing have requested that a day in the first week of June be designated a Franklin Day. Italy's Participation Seems Assured

Rome, March 13.—The Council of Ministers to-day discussed the amount of the appropriation necessary for Itay's participation in the St. Louis World's Fair. The papers regard this step as assuring Italy's participation in the Exposition. General Corbin's Glant Aid.

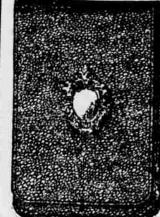
Adjutant General Waite of Michigan will act as aid to Major General Corbin in the military parade at the dedication. Adjutant General Waite is almost as big a man physically as General Corbin, being 6 feet g inches tall, and weighing over 200 pounds. Mexican Diplomat a Visitor. Jose F. Godoy, Mexican Minister to the Central American Republics, visited the Administration building yesterday. He is stopping at the Terminal Hotel with his family for about a week. He promises to act for the Exposition in Central America, particularly in Guatemala.

from it.

E. C. RHOADS.

Governor of Arisona Will Be Here.

At the meeting of the Academy of Science at the Academy rooms, No. 1860 Locust street, Mon-day evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock, Dortor H. M. Wheppley will give an illustrated account of "The Sacred Pipestone Quarries of Minneages." All those interested are invited to attend.



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CARIBBEAN SQUADRON SENT TO HONDURAS

American Officials There Ask for Protection in View of Growing Rebellion.

Washington, March 13.-The Caribbean Squadron, under command of Admira Coghlan, has been ordered to Honduras, where the revolution is assuming seriou proportions, to protect American interests. Late this afternoon, Acting Secretary o

American interests without constant refer ence to the department here. The presence of a squadron, instead of a single ship, it was thought, also would have

a salutary effect.

The State Department to-day received a

dispatch from United States Vice Consul Wilt at Ceiba, Honduras, announcing that Ceiba had been captured by the revolutionary force and suggesting that a United States warship be sent to Honduras waters. The dispatch bears date of March 12. A request has also come for similar protection from the United States Vice Consul

ST. ROSE'S TO PARADE TWICE.

at Puerto Cortez

Parish Procession Will Precede St. Patrick's Demonstration.

Late this afternoon, Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling sent the following cable instructions to Admiral Coghlan at San Juan:

"Proceed with squadron Olympia, Panther, Marietta, Vixen (and Brutus, coller), protect American interests, Puerto Cortez and Ceiba, Honduras. Communicate with Minister, Authorized to leave Vixen (tender) under commandant at San Juan."

The Navy Department decided to send Admiral Coghlan to Honduras on the, theory that a flag officer present on the scene would be in a position to take such steps as may be necessary for the protection of the parishioners of St. Rose's Church, Etzel and Goodfellow avenues, will have a parish parade to-morrow before taking part in the regular St. Patrick's parade. They will assemble at St. Rose's Church, Etzel and Goodfellow avenues, will have a parish parade to-morrow before taking part in the regular St. Patrick's parade. They will assemble at St. Rose's Church, Etzel and Goodfellow avenues, will have a parish parade to-morrow before taking part in the regular St. Patrick's parade. They will assemble at St. Rose's Church, Etzel and Goodfellow avenues, will have a parish parade to-morrow before taking part in the regular St. Patrick's parade. They will assemble at St. Rose's School The st. Rose's School of Mariet Co. Fixes Price on Reduction of Stock.

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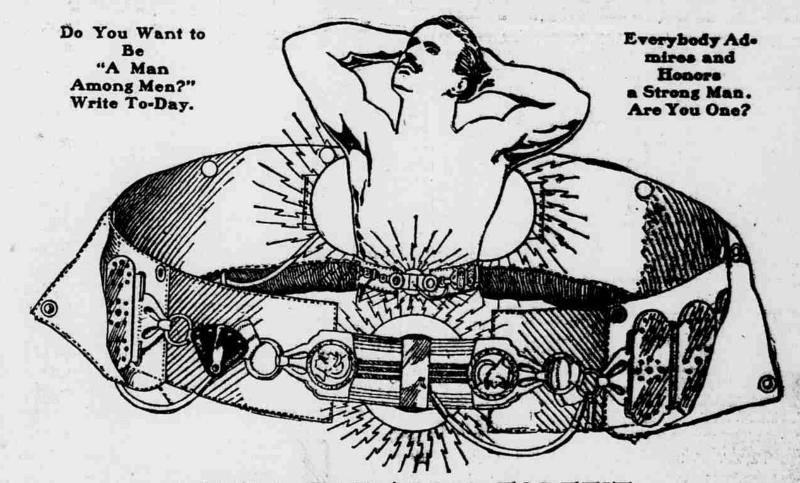
The officers of St. Rose's Parade Association will ride in a tally-ho. J. J. Lavin is president of the association.

reduction, and it will be laid before the stockholders, to be voted upon, at a special meeting. May 14. It was unofficially stated that the company will take in several new directors within the next few weeks. VOTE ON ABOLISHING FOOTBALL.

Harvard Students Favor Hore Open

Cambridge, Mass., March 13.—An interesting canvass has been made among Harvard men on the question brought up recently by Professor Hollis chairman of the Crimson Athletic Committee, regarding football between Yale and Harvard. Twenty-four students voted in favor of abolishing the annual game between the universities, while 344 opposed such a step. Large majorities indorsed the opinion that a more open style of play would improve the game, and that the objectionable features of the game could be eliminated without injuring football as, a sport.

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